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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 20, 2006, for which a response was due on June 20, 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of time and a request for continued examination are included with this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.